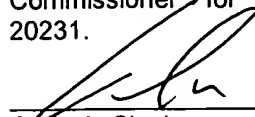




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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please rewrite claims 25 and 26 in the following amended form:

a' 25. (Amended) A tissue cooling apparatus as claimed in claim 23, wherein the fluid transfer assembly comprises a porous structure.

26. (Amended) A tissue cooling apparatus as claimed in claim 25, wherein the porous structure comprises a microporous structure.

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